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DEATH OF GEN. JAMES S. CULVER.

In the death of Gen. James S. Culver the Illinois State Historical Society has lost another of its valued members. General Culver was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1852, and came to Illinois when a young boy. He lived in Taylorville where he engaged in the stone and marble business for some years. He came to Springfield in 1883 and went into business as a stone contractor. He was the builder of many important buildings in Springfield and in other places, including the Memorial Temple erected by the State to the Illinois troops on the battle field of Vicksburg, the State armory, etc. He was a business man of the highest type. Scrupulously honest, he was more than fair in his dealings with his associates. His kindness of heart and great generosity were distinguishing traits. He died in Springfield on March 17, 1911. He leaves his wife and one son and several brothers and sisters. He was much interested in the work of the Historical Society and was always ready to aid it in any enterprise.

He was very enthusiastic and active in his interest in State militia affairs and was at one time colonel of the Fifth Infantry Regiment, Illinois National Guard, and served at the head of the regiment during the Spanish-American war. He was brigade commander, Second Brigade, Illinois National Guard from 1903 to 1907.